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SUBJECT: UNCTAD-COPPER: SPECIFICATIONS FEASIBILITY STUDY

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1. PETER FIELD, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, COMMODITY POLICY DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS TRADE GAVE EMBOFF TEXT OF TELEGRAM HE HAD RECEIVED FROM GLENN IN GENEVA. TEXT FOLLOWS FOR INFO OF DEPARTMENT AND GENEVA:

QTE FOLLOWING CONCLUSION OF SECOND PREPARATORY MEETING, HALL HAS PHONED THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT FROM TIME TO TIME TO SEE WHAT HE COULD DO TO FIT IN WITH WISHES OF UNITED STATES DELEGATION AS EXPRESSED AT END OF THE MEETING.

QTE THE SECRETARIAT HAS DONE A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF WORK TOWARDS PREPARING SPECIFIC AND DETAILED PROPOSALS FOR THE FEASIBILITY STUDY. THEY WILL INCORPORATE THESE IN A DOCUMENT TO BE CIRCULATED BEFORE THE FIRST MEETING OF THE IEGC. THE VIEW HAS BEEN TAKEN THAT THE CONVENING OF A "MINI GROUP" TO ADVISE THE SECRETARIAT WOULD HAVE

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LIMITED USEFULNESS, AS THE SECRETARIAT COULD HARDLY TAKE IT AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR A MEETING OF THE GROUP ITSELF AS AUTHORITY TO COMMIT RESOURCES TO ACTUALLY START THE FEASIBILITY STUDY ITSELF. THIS WOULD BE SO EVEN IF REPRESENTATIVES OF SOME DEVELOPING PRODUCING COUNTRIES COULD BE PERSUADED TO JOIN A MINI GROUP.

QTE HALL HAS SUGGESTED TO THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT THAT THE MORE PRODUCTIVE COURSE WOULD BE FOR THE U.S. MISSION TO SUBMIT THEIR PAPER, AMENDED IF THEY THINK APPROPRIATE TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF COMMENTS MADE BY OTHERS, TO THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT. HALL HAS TOLD THE LATTER THAT HE WOULD EXPECT THAT, SHOULD THE US PAPER BE RECEIVED IN TIME, THEY WOULD TAKE THE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN IT INTO ACCOUNT WHEN FINALISING THEIR PAPER. THE SECRETARIAT HAS READILY AGREED WITH THIS AND WOULD IN ADDITION CIRCULATE THE US PAPER AS A DOCUMENT FOR THE GROUP.

QTE HALL HAS ASKED GLENN TO PUT THE ABOVE VIEWS TO THE US MISSION. THEY ARE WAITING FOR THE RETURN OF THEIR EXPERT WHO HAS BEEN IN WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATIONS, BEFORE GIVING THEIR REACTION.

QTE FOLLOWING THE UNSATISFACTORY DISCUSSION ON THIS ITEM AT THE RECENT MINISTERIAL MEETING, THE CIPEC SECRETARIAT WILL NOT BE MAKING ANY WRITTEN SUBMISSION TO THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT. THEY WILL, HOWEVER, BE HAVING INFORMAL TALKS ON TECHNICAL MATTERS.

QTE THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT WILL BE SUGGESTING TO THE AD HOC GROUP THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE IEGC BE HELD FROM 16-19 AUGUST. THIS WOULD HOWEVER MEET SOME RESISTANCE FROM THOSE WHO DISLIKE AUGUST MEETINGS.
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SHOULD THESE DATES BE ACCEPTED THE CIPEC SECRETARIAT WILL SUGGEST THAT THE MPC MEET ON 11 AUGUST. END QTE.

2. COMMENT: WE GATHER THAT THE INSTRUCTIONS TO GLENN MENTIONED ABOVE WAS THE BASIS FOR REFTTEL. IN VIEW OF GLENN'S DISINCLINATION GIVE U.S. SPECIFICATIONS TO UNCTAD SECRETARIAT, ARE WE TO ASSUME THAT DEPARTMENT WILL NOW SEEK OTHER ALTERNATIVES? ALSTON

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